

# **WASHINGTON STATE DENTAL HYGIENE EXAMINING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Pete Fox, Public Member, Chairperson  
Kathy Conrad, RDH  
Maxine Janis, RDH

**STAFF PRESENT:** Kirby Putscher, Deputy Executive Director  
Vicki Brown, Program Manager  
Becky Peterson, Program Representative

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Melissa Johnson, Lobbyist, Washington State Dental Hygiene Association  
Colleen Gaylord, RDH, Washington State Dental Hygiene Association  
Joella Pyatt, RDH  
Sheryl Armstrong, RDH

The Dental Hygiene Examining Committee met at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, January 23, 2004, in Room 131a at the Department of Health, Point Plaza East, 310 Israel Road S.E., Tumwater, WA 98501.

## **ITEMS ON AGENDA**

### **OPEN SESSION:**

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Pete Fox, Public Member, Chairperson.

##### **A. Approval of Agenda**

The agenda of January 23, 2004 was approved as amended with the addition of Item 5.B WREB Board of Directors.

##### **B. Approval of October 31, 2003 Meeting Minutes**

The minutes of October 31, 2003 were approved as presented.

## **2. PROGRAM MANAGEMENT REPORT**

### **A. 2004 Legislation Overview**

Information was presented to the Committee on HB 2326 Uniform Disciplinary Action Bill Revisions, HB 2614 Participation of Denturists in Preferred Provider Networks and SB 6319 Participation of Denturists in Preferred Provider Networks.

Ms. Johnson presented information on HB 2326 concerning the minimum disciplinary sanctions and taking the charging documents away from the Boards and Commissions and giving it to the Secretary of the Department of Health. She further stated that the Association will be sending their views to Representative Campbell and Representative Cody. The Committee briefly discussed the sentencing guidelines as they have been proposed.

Information was given to the Committee on HB 2449 Health Professions Scope of Practice and the proposed changes adding criteria to the sunrise process.

### **B. Health Professions Statistics**

The Committee was presented with information from Bonnie King, HPQA Director, concerning last biennium's statistics for Health Professions Quality Assurance.

### **C. Dental Hygiene Year-End Statistics**

The Committee received the year-end licensing and disciplinary statistics for the Dental Hygiene program. They were also provided with the most current disciplinary HTTS reports.

### **D. Legislative Process Overview**

The Committee was presented information on the 2004 Department of Health Agency Request legislation along with the basic information on the legislative process.

## **3. ORAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS SUNRISE – H-3272.2/04**

The Committee requested copies of the first 38 pages of the sunrise report. These were later given to them for their review. It was stated that Representative Cody will be working with the Washington State Dental Hygienist's Association (WSDHA) and the Washington State Dental Association (WSDA) on dental/dental hygiene bills for the 2005 legislative session and that there would be no dental and/or dental hygiene bills presented this session. There was discussion on who would be on the boards if this legislation passed in 2005.

**4. SELECTION OF PARTICIPANT FOR ACCREDITATION SITE VISIT TO LAKE WASHINGTON TECHNICAL COLLEGE ON MARCH 16 – 17, 2004**

Kathy Conrad, RDH was selected as the Dental Hygiene representative on the accreditation site visit for Lake Washington Technical College.

**5. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS**

**A. Citizen Advocacy Center Meeting – Peter Fox, Public Member**

Mr. Fox presented an overview of his attendance at the Citizen Advocacy Center Conference held on November 13 – 15, 2003. See attached report.

**B. Western Regional Examining Board (WREB) Board of Directors Meeting – Kathy Conrad, RDH**

See attached report.

**6. RE-EVALUATION OF PARTICIPANTS FOR 2004 ANNUAL CONFERENCES**

**A. Central Regional Dental Testing Services (CRDTS) Dental Hygiene Exam Review Committee – September, 2004 – Maxine Janis, RDH representative**

The Committee decided that this will be looked at again at the April 23, 2004 meeting.

**B. CRDTS Steering Committee Meeting**

The Committee decided that this will be looked at again at the April 23, 2004 meeting.

**7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

The following will be added to the April 23, 2004 agenda:

- Biennial budget presentation
- Possibility of holding a future meeting on the east side of the state
- Disciplinary report / Action items
- Update on 2004 legislation

**8. OTHER OPEN SESSION BUSINESS – (For discussion only)**

There was no other business to be discussed at this meeting.

**CLOSED SESSION (Upon completion of Open Session Business)**

**OPEN SESSION**

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m. on Friday, January 23, 2004.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Approved by:

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Vicki L. Brown, Program Manager

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Pete Fox, Public Member, Chairperson